

SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL

PATENTS

PART 1—RULES OF PRACTICE IN PATENT CASES

Subpart A—General Provisions

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

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- 1.1 Addresses for correspondence with the Patent and Trademark Office.
- 1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.
- 1.3 Business to be conducted with decorum and courtesy.
- 1.4 Nature of correspondence and signature requirements.
- 1.5 Identification of application, patent or registration.
- 1.6 Receipt of correspondence.
- 1.7 Times for taking action; Expiration on Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday.
- 1.8 Certificate of mailing or transmission.
- 1.9 Definitions.
- 1.10 Filing of correspondence by “Express Mail.”

RECORDS AND FILES OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

- 1.11 Files open to the public.
- 1.12 Assignment records open to public inspection.
- 1.13 Copies and certified copies.
- 1.14 Patent applications preserved in confidence.
- 1.15 Requests for identifiable records.

FEEES AND PAYMENT OF MONEY

- 1.16 National application filing fees.
- 1.17 Patent application processing fees.
- 1.18 Patent issue fees.
- 1.19 Document supply fees.
- 1.20 Post issuance fees.
- 1.21 Miscellaneous fees and charges.
- 1.22 Fees payable in advance.
- 1.23 Methods of payment.
- 1.24 Coupons.
- 1.25 Deposit accounts.
- 1.26 Refunds.
- 1.27 Statement of status as small entity.
- 1.28 Effect on fees of failure to establish status, or change status, as a small entity.

Subpart B—National Processing Provisions

PROSECUTION OF APPLICATION AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT

- 1.31 Applicants may be represented by a registered attorney or agent.
- 1.32 [Reserved]

- 1.33 Correspondence respecting patent applications, reexamination proceedings, and other proceedings.
- 1.34 Recognition for representation.
- 1.36 Revocation of power of attorney or authorization; withdrawal of attorney or agent.

WHO MAY APPLY FOR A PATENT

- 1.41 Applicant for patent.
- 1.42 When the inventor is dead.
- 1.43 When the inventor is insane or legally incapacitated.
- 1.44 Proof of authority.
- 1.45 Joint inventors.
- 1.46 Assigned inventions and patents.
- 1.47 Filing when an inventor refuses to sign or cannot be reached.
- 1.48 Correction of inventorship in a patent application, other than a reissue application.

THE APPLICATION

- 1.51 General requisites of an application.
- 1.52 Language, paper, writing, margins.
- 1.53 Application number, filing date, and completion of application.
- 1.54 Parts of application to be filed together; filing receipt.
- 1.55 Claim for foreign priority.
- 1.56 Duty to disclose information material to patentability.
- 1.57 [Reserved]
- 1.58 Chemical and mathematical formulae and tables.
- 1.59 Expungement of information or copy of papers in application file.
- 1.60–162 [Reserved]

OATH OR DECLARATION

- 1.63 Oath or declaration.
- 1.64 Person making oath or declaration.
- 1.66 Officers authorized to administer oaths.
- 1.67 Supplemental oath or declaration.
- 1.68 Declaration in lieu of oath.
- 1.69 Foreign language oaths and declarations.
- 1.70 [Reserved]

SPECIFICATION

- 1.71 Detailed description and specification of the invention.
- 1.72 Title and abstract.
- 1.73 Summary of the invention.
- 1.74 Reference to drawings.
- 1.75 Claim(s).
- 1.77 Arrangement of application elements.
- 1.78 Claiming benefit of earlier filing date and cross-references to other applications.
- 1.79 Reservation clauses not permitted.